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**RECOGNIZING THE ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND ITS MANY BENEFITS FOR NEW MEXICANS.**

**WHEREAS, congress enacted the Energy Employees
Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to go
into effect July 31, 2001; and**

**WHEREAS, this program provides both a lump-sum
compensation as well as reimbursement for medical expenses for
workers who died or are seriously ill due to exposure to
beryllium, silica or radiation while working for the federal
department of energy or its contractors in the nuclear weapons
industry; and**

**WHEREAS, the program also provides benefits to uranium
miners employed prior to 1972, when the use of uranium was
shifted from weapons purposes to energy purposes; and**

